



# Frequently Asked Questions 2022

## World AIDS Day Grants

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## Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Grant

### Who is AWDF?

1. The [African Women's Development Fund](#) is a Pan-African grant-making organisation that supports the realisation and fulfillment of African women's rights through funding of autonomous women's organisations on the continent<sup>1</sup>. AWDF supports work to advance women's rights under three strategic themes: [Body and Health Rights](#), [Women's Economic Security and Justice](#), and [Leadership Participation and Peace](#).

### Purpose of the Call for proposal

#### **Question 2: What is the focus of the call for proposal for World AIDS Day 2022?**

**Answer:** The 2022 World AIDS Day grants are to fund activities *using digital technology such as mobile phones, online apps and social media to reduce HIV-related stigma and new infections among young women*. The fund will prioritise activities that focus on young women and women living with HIV and AIDS and living in difficult circumstances. We particularly welcome applications from organisations led by young women and women living with HIV and AIDS. This call for proposals is opened only to **African women led organisations with annual budgets of under USD100,000.**

#### **Question 3: What is the focus of the call for proposal for the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence 2022?**

**Answer:** The 2022 Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence (16 Days) grants are to fund activities led by young women to address digital and online safety for young women and girls. Online violence or abuse is when an individual or group creates a hostile environment with the goal of shaming, degrading, intimidating or silencing individuals. The Fund will consider applications from women's groups and organisations, particularly those led by young women or girls, to educate, raise awareness and increase online safety and enjoyment, and prevent online violence and abuse against young women and girls. This call for proposals is opened only to **African women led organisations with annual budgets of under USD100,000.**

### Eligibility

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<sup>1</sup> Under the Leading From the South Initiative, AWDF also supports work in five countries in the Middle East – Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq and Yemen.

**Question 4: Who is eligible to apply for the World AIDS day and 16 Days Call for Proposal**

**Answer:** This call for proposals is opened only to African women led organisations with budgets of under USD100,000.

**Question 5: Do I have to be a registered organisation or group to be eligible?**

**Answer:** Yes, to be eligible to apply to AWDF, women led organisations and groups have to be registered either with an African national or recognised community authority.

**Question 6: Does AWDF fund organisations that have been registered for less than 3 years?**

**Answer:** AWDF doesn't generally accept applications from organisations that haven't been registered for at least three years. In extremely rare circumstances however, AWDF will consider applications from organisations that have been registered for less than three years. Some examples are organisations led by and focused on particularly marginalised groups of women and girls, including women and girls living with disabilities, LGBTQI+ women and girls, sex workers, refugees and migrant women, women living with HIV and AIDS, young feminists and other imposed marginalities.

**Question 7: Does AWDF support community-based organisations (CBOs)?**

**Answer:** Yes, AWDF does consider applications from CBOs if they meet all our eligibility criteria

**Question 8: Does AWDF support faith based and/or political party affiliated organisations?**

**Answer:** Organisations with a mission to proselytise or organisations that are affiliated with political parties are not eligible to apply to AWDF. However, AWDF will consider applications from faith based organisations that do not proselytise and organisations that are not affiliated with political parties.

**Question 9: Does AWDF consider applications from profit making entities eligible to apply?**

**Answer:** AWDF does not fund profit making entities or organisations

**Question 10: Will this call for proposals consider applications from organisations that are registered and/or have their headquarters outside Africa?**

**Answer:** Under this call for proposals, AWDF will not support organisations that are not based and headquartered in Africa and/or organisations that are not led by African women (senior staff and Board)

**Question 11: Does AWDF support organisations where the ED/CEO and/or Chair of the Board is male?**

**Answer:** No. AWDF will also only consider applications from organisations where the Director of the organisation and the Chair of the Board identify as female and where a majority, (at least 70%), of all staff and Board identify as female.

**This Specific Grant**

**Question 12: Can an organisation apply for both World AIDS Day and 16 Days grants in this cycle?**

**Answer: No!** Organisations can only apply for **one** category of grant; either a World AIDS Day grant or a 16 Days Grant

**Question 13: What is the maximum amount an organisation can apply for under this call for proposals?**

**Answer:** For the World AIDS Day and 16 Days grants, the **maximum amount** you can apply for and the maximum award is **US\$2,000**. Please do not apply for more than US\$2,000, as your application will be ineligible.

**Question 14: Do I have to have an audited account for 2021 or 2020 to be eligible to apply for this**

grant?

**Answer: No**, you do not have to have audited accounts to be eligible. However, you do need to submit your 2020 and 2021 financial statements, signed and dated by your Board or management team.

**Question 15: How do we submit the proposals for the World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence?**

**Answer:** Applications for the World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence call should be submitted on the AWDF Salesforce platform <https://www.tfaforms.com/4948705> . However, in exceptional circumstances, we are able to accept proposals submitted by email.

**Question 16: Can an applicant submit the proposals for the World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence grant via email?**

**Answer: Yes**, organisations who are unable to submit their application on the AWDF Salesforce platform can submit their proposal for either the World AIDS Day or 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence grant if agreed with AWDF. Please contact [awdf@awdf.org](mailto:awdf@awdf.org) to discuss further. .

#### **Call schedule and application timeline**

**Question 17: What are the dates for this call for proposals?**

AWDF call for proposals was launched on **12<sup>th</sup> April 2022** and will be open until the deadline on **10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**